

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Boden et al. (US 6,615,357). It is respectfully submitted, however, that Applicant's claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's specification describes the step of adding a sender's IP address and a receiver's IP address to an IP address which was originally set. Specifically, Applicant's specification at page 10, lines 1-2, states:

...the IP address including the sender's IP address "B" and the receiver's IP address "A" is added to outside the originally set IP address...

Thus, Applicant's have claimed the ability for their IP header to include the IP address set from outside the LAN and the IP address set from within the LAN.

In the present application, in addition, the first IP address and the second IP address are independent of each other. This is supported by the originally filed application at page 9, lines 20-21. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's have thus claimed the feature of:

...assigning a second IP address from an inside terminal within the LAN to the terminal outside the LAN during the IKE communication, said second address independent of said first address...

In the Official Action, the PTO takes the position that Boden discloses "translating" and "translating" has the same meaning as "distributing." Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that there is no relationship between the IP addresses, i.e. namely, it is impossible to translate from one IP address to another IP address.

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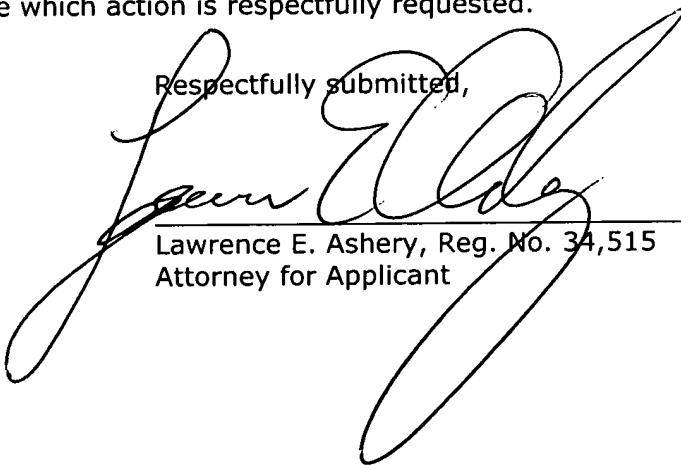
As Applicant is now claiming that "said second address is independent of said first address," claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

Claim 6, while not identical to claim 1, is patentable for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claims 19-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boden in view of Giniger (US 6,751,729). These claims, however, include the features of claims 1 or 6 from which they respectively depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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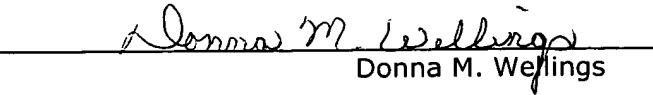
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